

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 25, 2006

Dr. Charles Hirsch
Chief Medical Officer
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
520 First Avenue
New York, NY 10026

Dear Dr. Hirsch;


After reading the article "Medical Views of 9/11's Dust Show Big Gaps" by Anthony DePalma in *The New York Times*, we write with concern over your decision not to include Mrs. Felicia Dunn-Jones on the official list of 9/11 victims and respectfully ask you to reconsider your decision.

As Mr. DePalma's article notes, the federal government has officially recognized the death of Ms. Dunn-Jones and has paid a death benefit to her family through the September 11 Victims Compensation Fund. At the hearing to determine the link between the exposure of Ground Zero dust and Mrs. Dunn-Jones's death, the Special Master, Kenneth Feinberg, relied on the testimony of Dr. David Prezant, a doctor for the New York City Fire Department and a doctor who has spent countless hours since 9/11 medically monitoring and studying individuals exposed to the toxin chemicals released following the collapse of the World Trade Center. Given the medical evidence, Mrs. Dunn-Jones' family has requested that she be placed on the official list of 9/11 victims and we urge you support this request. With other deaths that are now being attributed to exposure to the toxins of Ground Zero, we request that your office further examine developing a mechanism to independently adjudicate requests to include additional individuals on the official list of deaths from the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

We would appreciate a response to our letter by November 17, 2006. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Edward Mills in Rep. Maloney's office at (202) 225-7944 or Brendan Williams in Rep. Fossella's office at (202) 225-3371.

Sincerely,


CAROLYN B. MALONEY
Member of Congress


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